

**LODI CITY COUNCIL
SHIRTSLEEVE SESSION
CARNEGIE FORUM, 305 WEST PINE STREET
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2008**

A. Roll Call by City Clerk

An Informal Informational Meeting ("Shirtsleeve" Session) of the Lodi City Council was held Tuesday, December 9, 2008, commencing at 7:03 a.m.

Present: Council Member Hitchcock, Council Member Johnson, Mayor Pro Tempore Katzakian, and Mayor Hansen

Absent: Council Member Mounce

Also Present: City Manager King, City Attorney Schwabauer, and City Clerk Johl

B. Topic(s)

B-1 West 60kV Power Line Project - Preferred Alternative Routing Study (EUD)

City Manager King briefly introduced the subject matter of the West 60kV Power Line Project.

Electric Utility Director George Morrow provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the power line project. Specific topics of discussion included reliability, capacity, western line, history of the west transmission project, conceptual study, alternative routes, aerial view, alternative 7, preferred alternative study, stakeholders, poles, route detail, PG&E, Northern California Power Agency (NCPA), FAA, CalTrans, San Joaquin County, City application, private landowners, environmental, summary, wood pole and double circuit, key benefits, next steps, and tentative timeline.

In response to Mayor Hansen, Mr. Morrow stated the City received tentative approvals from FAA, which will likely remain so long as the proposal generally stays the same.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Katzakian, Mr. Morrow stated staff already spoke to key stakeholders, namely affected property owners, and will continue to speak with other stakeholders throughout the public process.

In response to Mayor Hansen, Mr. Morrow stated the project will run parallel to Highway 12, north of the Southwest Gateway project, and along the Van Ruiten property.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Mr. Morrow stated theoretically the project could impact some subdivision built in the future; although, the goal was to stay away from Highway 12 as much as possible, and Davis Road could be a possibility.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Bob Streich, consultant with Auriga Corporation, stated Highway 12 is a safety corridor, setbacks help but require a higher approval at the State level versus the regional level, and there is an issue with the widening of Highway 12. A brief discussion ensued between Council Member Hitchcock, Mr. King, and Mr. Morrow regarding previous attempts for a similar project along Highway 12.

In response to Mayor Hansen, Mr. Morrow stated there are only four property owners affected based on the way the current proposal is set up.

Discussion ensued between Mayor Hansen, Council Member Johnson, and Mr. Morrow regarding the process of negotiating easements with certain property owners versus reaching out to those

who are upset that there will be power lines in the area. Mr. Morrow stated everyone is given an opportunity to provide comments through the process.

In response to Mayor Hansen, Mr. Morrow stated in his judgment the current proposed line can be built and is cost effective.

In response to Mayor Hansen, Mr. Morrow stated the proposed line would be needed regardless of the approval and construction of the new Lodi Energy Center as they are not necessarily related.

Discussion ensued amongst Council, Mr. King, and Mr. Morrow regarding the 1998 consideration of purchasing power directly off the grid and the need for energy for the future regardless of the new Lodi Energy Center.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Katzakian, Mr. Morrow stated the cost is estimated to average between \$8 million and \$10 million. Mr. Morrow stated the cost is approximately ten times higher to bury the lines.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Mr. Morrow stated the existing school on Harney Lane was another reason to consider going further west.

In response to Mayor Hansen, Mr. Morrow stated the timeline of the California Environmental Quality Act project is approximately a year or so.

In response to Mayor Hansen, Mr. Morrow stated the matter will come back to Council for specific project approval along with more specific details and funding options.

In response to Myrna Wetzel, Mr. Morrow stated the City will continue to stay with the Independent System Operator footprint while having more flexibility. He also stated wood poles are good for straight lines and steel poles are best for turns and curves.

C. Comments by Public on Non-Agenda Items

None.

D. Adjournment

No action was taken by the City Council. The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 a.m.

ATTEST:

Randi Johl
City Clerk